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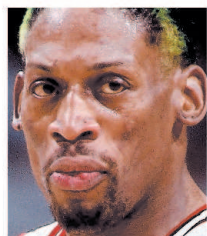


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Celebrity twin

Do you look like a celebrity? Show us! Send your picture along with the name of the celeb who shares your style to **dlhernandez@tribune.com**. For Tuesday, we have Mike Jones. Think he's a ringer for Dennis Rodman? Text "**mike**" and the number of your opinion to **47383**. You'll get the poll results instantly.

1. Dead on 2. Way off



Jones

Rodman



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Guys can get free appetizers and beer while

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To hear

Catch a presentation from National Geographic photographer Jim Richardson about his time documenting Celtic identity in Europe at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at The Field Museum (1400 S. Lake Shore Drive). \$22-\$30.

To watch

See a free screening of "Teranga Blues" by Senegalese filmmaker Moussa Sene Absa followed by a Q&A with the director at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Columbia College (1104 S. Wabash Ave., Room 504).



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TODAY'S FORECAST

Rainy, stormy, then one heck of a drop.



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Brace for wind



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Cold but dry



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Hello, warm sun!

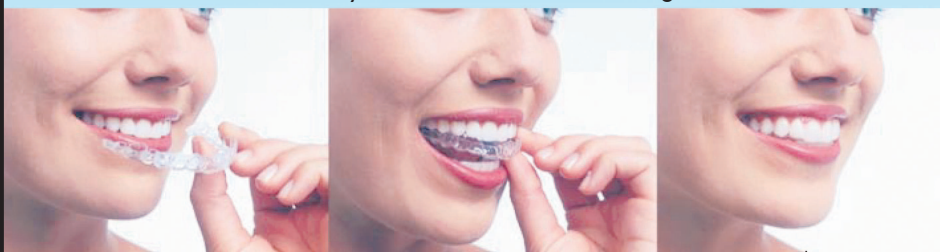


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OBAMA BROADENS STEM CELL FUNDING

President opens path to more federal money for divisive research

Associated Press

Reversing Bush policy, President Obama on Monday cleared the way for a significant increase in federal dollars for embryonic stem cell research and promised no scientific data will be “distorted or concealed to serve a political agenda.”

Obama signed the executive order on the divisive stem cell issue and a memo addressing what he called scientific integrity before an East Room audience

packed with scientists. He laced his remarks with several jabs at the way science was handled by former President George W. Bush.

“Promoting science isn’t just about providing resources, it is also about protecting free and open inquiry,” Obama said. “It is about ensuring that ... we make scientific decisions based on facts, not ideology.”

Fulfilling a campaign promise, Obama signed the order on stem cell research that supporters believe could uncover cures for serious ailments from diabetes to paralysis. Embryonic stem cells are master cells that can morph into any cell of the body. Scientists hope to harness them so they can create replacement tissues to

REVERSAL

President Obama’s action reverses former President Bush’s stem cell policy by undoing his 2001 directive that banned federal funding for research into stem lines created after Aug. 9, 2001.



President Obama arrives Monday in the East Room of the White House to sign an executive order on embryonic stem cell research. AP

treat a variety of diseases—such as new insulin-producing cells for diabetics, cells that could help those with Parkinson’s disease or maybe even Alzheimer’s, or new nerve connections to restore movement after spinal injury.

House Minority Leader John Boehner (R-Ohio) criticized Obama, saying in a statement that the president had “rolled back important protections for innocent life, further dividing

our nation at a time when we need greater unity to tackle the challenges before us.”

Bush limited the use of taxpayer money to only the 21 stem cell lines that had been produced before his decision in 2001. He argued he was defending human life because days-old embryos—although typically from fertility clinics and already destined for destruction—are destroyed to create the stem cell lines.

Suspect made ‘death day’ note, prosecutor says

Associated Press

MARYVILLE, Ill. A man charged with gunning down a pastor mid-sermon then stabbing two congregants referred to Sunday as “death day” on a planner found in his home and carried enough ammunition to kill 30 people, a prosecutor said Monday.

Madison County State’s Attorney William Mudge did not know how the reference was entered in alleged gunman Terry Sedlacek’s day planner, only that it singled out Sunday as “death day.”

“The only thing I can really comment on is

he came armed with many rounds of ammunition and a knife, and I think we can surmise that more bloodshed may have occurred,” Mudge said Monday.

Sedlacek, 27, of Troy was charged Monday with first-degree murder and aggravated battery in the attack that killed Rev. Fred Winters and left two congregants who tackled the gunman with stab wounds.

Neither Mudge nor Illinois State Police would comment on a possible motive in the attack, or on Sedlacek’s mental state when he allegedly strode into First Baptist Church

shortly after 8 a.m. Sunday, exchanged words Winters, then began firing.

Sedlacek once suffered bouts of erratic behavior his family said was due to Lyme disease.

Sedlacek’s attorney, Ron Slemmer, told the Belleville News-Democrat that his client’s family is “very sorry for the pastor’s congregation.”

Sedlacek was ordered held without bond even as he remained hospitalized Monday in serious condition.

Authorities said he stabbed himself in the throat while being wrestled to the ground by two congregants, who also were wounded.



New digs, help for Suleman?

Associated Press

WHITTIER, Calif. The Octomom may be moving to a new home and getting help to raise her brood.

Nadya Suleman’s father, Ed Doud, is purchasing a \$564,900 house in La Habra, Calif., in a deal expected to close Friday, said Prudential Realty listing agent Mike Patel.

In a related development, TV’s Dr. Phil McGraw said Monday that Suleman will accept an offer of nursing care for her children from nonprofit group Angels in Waiting.

She is scheduled to appear on the “Dr. Phil” show Tuesday and Wednesday.

Suleman has been living in a Whittier home that is owned by her mother. But that property is being foreclosed on because her mother is more than \$20,000 behind in mortgage payments. Doud and Suleman’s mother are divorced.

BY THE NUMBERS

2,583

Square footage of the house in La Habra

4

Bedrooms

14

Number of children Suleman has given birth to through in vitro fertilization

3

Baths



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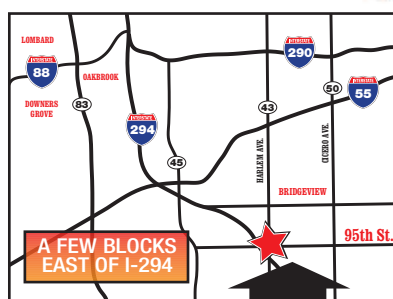
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LOST AND FOUND

Lost it: On Feb. 24, around 9:45 p.m., I left my backpack on the last car of the Blue Line O'Hare train at Addison Station. The backpack is blue and contained a small portable hard drive, lots of sheet music, a couple of Roosevelt University library books and my keys. All I'm asking for are the library books. The lost library books may delay/block my impending graduation in May.

—JOACHIM LUIS, 33,
AVONDALE

Help us settle a CTA dispute

One of my favorite rappers, the late, great ODB, once uttered the following phrase, "Wu Tang is for the children."

So is "Going Public."

That's why I'm devoting this column to a CTA version of a great debate, "CTA Stranding: Fact or Fiction?"

In one corner, we have a concerned mother, Honni Harris, who called "Going Public" last week to say her 9-year-old son ended up alone on the street on Feb. 17 around 5:30 p.m. after a CTA bus broke down. Harris, who lives in Englewood, contends that the bus operator left the scene, and a subsequent operator wouldn't let her son on board without another full fare.

This alleged activity flies in the face of CTA policy, which stipulates that bus operators on broken-down vehicles help passengers board the next bus, and issue emergency transfers if need be, according to transit agency spokeswoman Wanda Taylor.

But in the other corner, we have the CTA, which investigated the incident and found no evidence of a broken-down bus on that route around that time, Taylor said.

She said

Harris said her 9-year-old is now afraid to ride the bus by himself after ending up alone on 55th Street instead of at a relative's home 15 minutes away.

"My son told me the first operator just left him and a bunch of riders standing there," Harris said. "The next operator told my son he didn't believe he paid his fare on the previous bus, and just left him at the stop."

Harris' son was MIA for an hour as a result of this incident, she said. The concerned mother said she was about to dial the police around 6:30 p.m., just as her son walked in.

Harris said her son told her that a passing motorist gave him fare to get home.

CTA said

The CTA does have a record of contact with Harris, who said she called the agency's 74th Street Garage as well as the agency's help line. But the agency says there was no bus breakdown.

"CTA took the investigation a step further and checked for any bus breakdowns along 55th Street during the evening hours and no incidents of a bus breakdown were found," Taylor said.

What do you say?

No. 55 riders, e-mail goingpublic@tribune.com if this scenario sounds familiar, so we can crack the case of this so-called CTA Stranding. "Going Public" wants to make sure no child is left behind.



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Rights advocates: Who will replace us?

New York Times News Service

When Anne Baker graduated from Southern Illinois University in 1975, she was pleased to be hired as a birth control counselor for a Planned Parenthood clinic, though it was not her dream job. “I wanted to be an abortion counselor,” she recalled. “I wanted it so bad.”

Baker was thrilled when the Supreme Court legalized abortion in its 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision. She had been raised by her Catholic divorced mother and her great-aunt. They had little money, and to put herself through college, she worked a year, saved, went to school for a year, then worked the next year. “I was so convinced that to stay independent, women needed abortion for a backup,” she said. “It was like a calling for me.”

In her time working in an abortion clinic, she estimates she has done counseling for 25,000 women and a few girls. “It’s been my dream job,” she said. “I wanted to be standing by the side of someone who was making a decision that others would condemn her for, and support her and link arms and say, ‘you’re a good person making a hard decision,’ and that’s what I’ve done for 33 years.”

But here is the question: As Baker’s generation approaches retirement—women whose commitment to abortion was forged in the pre-*Roe v. Wade* days—will younger women take their places at the clinics?

“We worry about that a lot,” said Sally Burgess, chairwoman of the National Abortion Federation, the main professional support group for abortion providers.

“Younger women have always had access to abortion care; they don’t fully appreciate the battle that was fought to have it available to them. And more important, I don’t think they know how precarious the option is at this point, even with Obama’s election.

“What I observe for women in their 20s and 30s—there are fewer who really have the fire in the belly for this.”

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SYMPTOMS OF A FAILING ECONOMY?

UNPLANNED PREGNANCIES, CONTRACEPTION AFFECTED BY AFFORDABILITY

Chicago Tribune

As the economy worsens, providers of reproductive services say they are fielding more calls from distraught women facing difficult decisions about pregnancies they didn’t plan and can’t afford.

The interviews also suggest that more women are struggling to afford contraception and that, in some cases, they are risking their physical and emotional health by delaying abortion procedures for weeks as they seek a way to pay the cost.

One married woman told the Tribune she and her husband made the painful choice to end her pregnancy because they could not afford a third child. It was not until her 14th week that they could pull together enough money to pay.

Abortion rates have been declining for years, and experts said it is too early to know if the nation’s financial woes will change that trend. Government and private agencies that track abortions have not yet compiled statistics for 2008 or early 2009.

But Planned Parenthood of Illinois says that in January it performed the highest number of abortions in its history. (The agency has a policy against disclosing the actual numbers.)

Meanwhile, calls to The Cradle, a private adoption agency in Evanston, have increased

Desperate times ...

Shjaron Griffin, manager of Planned Parenthood’s Englewood Health Center, said she has noticed that women who usually buy several months of birth control pills at once now get only a one-month supply.

Generally speaking, contraception costs range from about \$50 to \$60 for a pack of birth control pills to \$800 to \$1,000 for an IUD, plus the costs of a Pap smear and a physical. Prices for contraception vary widely depending on insurance and where the birth control is purchased—a Planned Parenthood clinic, a health center, a private physician’s office or a pharmacy.

in number over the last two months, according to agency spokeswoman Joan Yaeger. Women exploring alternatives to abortion also have been calling pro-life and faith-based organizations for counseling.

“We definitely have seen more women coming to our clinics,” said Angie Weszely, president of Caris Pregnancy Counseling and Resources, a faith-based group that operates several crisis pregnancy clinics in the Chicago area.

“The women who come to us, a lot of times they are saying: ‘I’m pregnant and I don’t want to be. I don’t want to have an abortion,

but I don’t see another way out.’ Definitely the economy is playing into it,” she said. “We know it is a factor.”

The woman who terminated her pregnancy at 14 weeks—a mother of two whose husband is stationed at a military base in Texas—said it took time to find the money to pay for her abortion, which the family’s military insurance did not cover.

“I don’t like the fact of an abortion,” said the woman, who asked that her name not be published because some family members do not know she ended a pregnancy. “It’s really not the easy way out.”

Some Planned Parenthood clinics in Illinois and other states say they have seen more people seeking contraception services. At the same time, some women are limiting birth control to save money, a troubling trend that could increase their risk of an unwanted pregnancy, health professionals said.

“These economic hard times are forcing people to make the tough decisions and ask scary questions of themselves,” said Steve Trombley, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Illinois.

“Should I pay the mortgage or put food on the table for my family? ... Can I pay for basic health care and necessary medication? Can I afford to have another child?”

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Police probe Red Line stabbing

Chicago Tribune

A man was stabbed and seriously wounded just after noon Monday on a CTA Red Line train near the Chicago station, the agency said.

A passenger on a northbound train that was approaching the Chicago station told police he had been injured by two people, said CTA spokeswoman Catherine Hosinski.

The victim was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in serious to critical condition, Fire Cmdr. Will Knight said.

Detectives on Monday were investigating the attack and speaking with "persons of interest," said Chicago Police Sgt. Antoinette Ursitti.

A witness who spoke to the Tribune was sitting just a few feet from where the attack occurred at about 12:15 p.m.

Two men and a woman, all in their 20s, got on the train at the Roosevelt stop and were sitting facing one another—the man seated alone on one side of the car, the other man and the woman seated together on the other side.

At some point, though, things turned heated and the woman screamed at the man who was seated alone, the witness said. The man yelled, "Get out of my face," and shoved her. The other man leaped forward and started punching him.

"The woman pulled out a knife and started stabbing the man in the neck and shoulders," the witness said.

Someone pulled the emergency stop and the train halted. The witness said she ran to the first car and told the conductor, who ran back to the car where the attack occurred and didn't reappear for about five minutes.



Police Supt. Jody Weis (left) leaves the Dirksen Federal Building on Monday after a judge lifted a contempt order. Weis on Friday turned over a list of officers repeatedly accused of misconduct. **MICHAEL TERCHA/TRIBUNE**

WEIS HEARS SCOLDING

Chicago Tribune

A federal judge rebuked Chicago Police Supt. Jody Weis on Monday for defying his order to hand over a list of officers repeatedly accused of misconduct, saying Weis' action "flies in the face of everything this court stands for."

Weis told the judge he balked at the order because he was concerned that releasing the list would harm innocent officers. But U.S. District Judge Robert Gettleman said Weis was wrong to use the court to prove a point.

"Doing something against the law or order of a court for whatever reason is still against the order of the court and is still unacceptable," the judge said as Weis nodded in agreement.

Gettleman held Weis in contempt of court Wednesday for failing to follow his order to turn over the list to an attorney as part of an ongoing civil case. Weis surrendered the list last Friday. On Monday, Gettleman lifted the contempt but ordered the city to pay the fees of the opposing lawyers, possibly \$50,000 or more.

"If I offended the court in any way, that was not my

intention," Weis said to the judge.

Gettleman chastised Weis, comparing him with Robin Hood. No matter his good intention, Robin Hood was still a criminal, he said.

Attorneys who represent two minor children who allege they were beaten by an off-duty detective in 2007 have requested the city's list of "repeat officers," those accused more than five times of misconduct and all those accused of excessive force. To pursue monetary damages against the city, the attorneys could try to use the list to prove a pattern of abuse that the department has ignored.

Weis said the list could hurt morale and safety, since most accusations of wrongdoing are later determined to be false. But the judge noted that the list, like others before it, would not be released publicly because of a protective order by the court.

Last year, however, a similar list was publicly released, though the officers' names had been blacked out, after another federal judge lifted a protective order. That played a part in the city's stance in this case, Mara Georges, the city's corporation counsel, said after the court hearing.

New plan for pet sterilization

A controversial proposal to require nearly all dog and cat owners to sterilize their animals resurfaced Monday. Under the new proposal, released by Ald. Ed Burke (14th), a third offense for not neutering or spaying a pet before it turns 6 months old would trigger a fine of \$100 per month. In Burke's previous proposal, the fine would have been \$500 and the animal could have been impounded and sterilized.

Cop imposter punishment

People caught impersonating a Chicago Police officer or firefighter would be eligible for jail time and a fine under a proposal approved Monday by a City Council committee. The amendment proposed by Ald. James Balcer (11th) comes after the arrest of a 14-year-old boy who impersonated an officer. An ordinance first enacted in 1939 imposed only a \$10 to \$100 fine for impersonating a police officer and \$10 for impersonating a firefighter.

Quinn talks stimulus

Gov. Quinn on Monday put a dollar figure on Illinois' homegrown effort to stimulate the economy: \$25 billion. He said he wants to spend the money on a statewide construction program to improve schools, roads and bridges, and create jobs. Quinn is expected to offer more details in a March 18 budget address.

\$10,000 reward

The FBI is offering a reward of up to \$10,000 for information leading to the arrest of Raul Araiza, a reputed Chicago gang leader who has been the subject of a nationwide manhunt since September. According to a release from the agency, Araiza, 20, whose last known address was 2559 S. Trumbull Ave., was charged in connection with an investigation into the Latin Kings street gang. Anyone with information is asked to call the FBI at 312-421-6700.

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New bar laws on tap in Utah

7 SALT LAKE CITY Getting into a bar in Utah is about to become a lot easier.

Officials agreed Monday to eliminate the state's much-criticized private club system, which requires someone to fill out an application and pay a fee for the right to enter a bar unless he or she is the guest of a member.

Utah, with a government historically dominated by Mormon church members, is the only state with such a law.

Gov. Jon Huntsman Jr. has been pushing to eliminate the 40-year-old system in an effort to boost the state's \$6 billion-a-year tourism industry and make Utah seem a

MEMBERS ONLY

Typically, a visitor to a bar currently can expect to pay at least \$4 for a membership lasting three weeks or at least \$12 for an annual membership. A separate membership is required for each bar and patrons can fill out an application at the door.

little less odd to outsiders. The Utah Travel Industry Coalition applauded the deal.

"I think it's great that it essentially says to tourists, to travelers, that you are welcome here and that we're excited to host you and Utah's a normal place," said

Danny Richardson, the coalition's executive director.

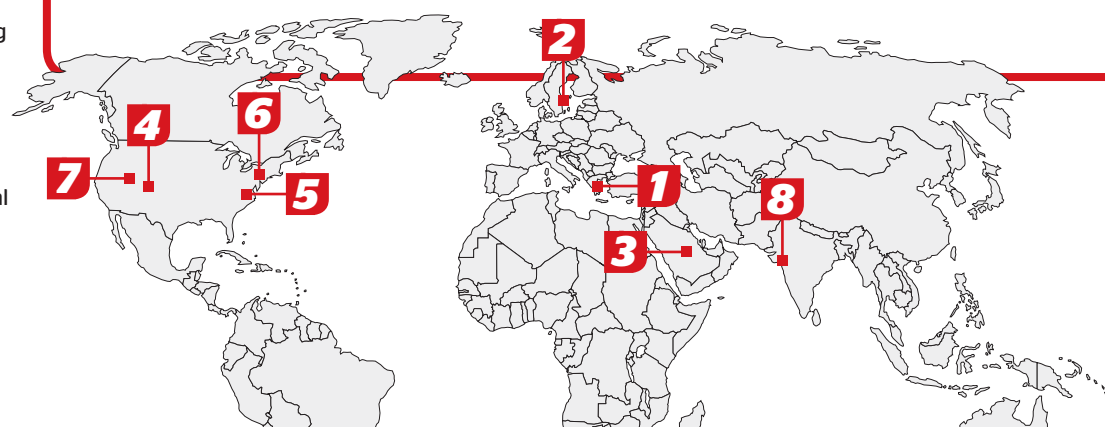
In exchange, the state's DUI laws will become more strict and people who appear younger than 35 will have their driver's licenses scanned before entering a bar to make sure they're 21.

Another of Utah's quirky liquor laws also is on the chopping block—one that prohibits bartenders in restaurants from handing alcoholic drinks directly to customers sitting at the bar. Instead, they are separated from the customers by a partition and must walk around it to hand the drink to the customer.



Colorful celebration

8 Children covered in rainbow powder smile Monday as they celebrate Holi, the Indian festival of colors, in Ahmadabad, India. AP



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Nearly this many FedEx Office (formerly Kinko's) locations are offering customers free printing of their resumes Tuesday. The complimentary offer includes resume-stock paper for 25 copies.



1 Bank explosion

A bomb exploded outside of a Citibank branch in Athens early Monday (above), causing some damage to the building but no injuries. The target pointed to Greek far-left militant groups, which have become increasingly aggressive. AP PHOTO

2 Who knew?

A canny chimpanzee who calmly collected a stash of rocks and then hurled them at zoo visitors in Stockholm in fits of rage has confirmed that apes can plan ahead just like humans, a Swedish study said Monday.

3 Widow sentenced

A 75-year-old widow in al-Chamil, Saudi Arabia, has been sentenced to 40 lashes and four months in jail for mingling with two young men who are not close relatives, drawing new criticism for the kingdom's ultraconservative religious police and judiciary.

4 Hospital evacuation

Fumes from chemicals that were inadvertently mixed temporarily forced the evacuation Monday of about 500 people from National Jewish Health in Denver, a health system with a national reputation for respiratory care.

5 Smoking ban

The home state of Marlboro and the world's largest cigarette factory is banning most smoking in restaurants and bars. Virginia Governor Tim Kaine signed a bill Monday in Virginia Beach that generally restricts smoking to separate rooms that have their own ventilation.

6 Martha Stewart loses dog

Martha Stewart's chow puppy, Ghengis Kahn, was one of 17 dogs killed in an accidental propane explosion at a kennel in Lehighton, Pa.

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Worst year

Alex Rodriguez of the New York Yankees.

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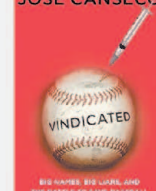
Things just haven't been going A-Rod's way for a very long time

It says something when a successful surgery is one of the better things to happen to Alex Rodriguez recently. Simply put, he's had a bad year. Let's look back. **REDEYE**

MAY 20

After almost a month on the sidelines, A-Rod rejoins the Yankees after finishing his rehabilitation of a strained right quadriceps.

JOSE CANSECO



MARCH 26, 2008

In his new baseball tell-all, "Vindicated," former slugger Jose Canseco claims A-Rod approached him for help in hooking up with a Canadian steroids supplier. A-Rod denies it.



JULY 2

A-Rod and his wife split, according to various media reports. The rumors come on the heels of Internet gossip placing A-Rod in the company of Madonna.



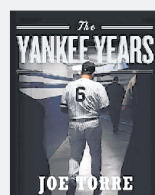
JULY 6

A very married Madonna says she is only friends with a very married A-Rod. "I am not romantically involved in any way with Alex Rodriguez." A celeb denial, of course, isn't worth much.

SEPT. 18

A-Rod and his wife Cynthia settle their divorce. The Madonna rumors go into high gear.

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JAN. 25, 2009

In his book "The Yankee Years," former New York manager Joe Torre says A-Rod's teammates used to call him A-Fraud, the New York Post reports. The book is released in February.

NOV. 14

While in Miami, A-Rod—who at the time is said to be dating Madonna—is spotted getting up close and personal with Kate Hudson, the New York Daily News reports.


FEB. 9

In an interview on ESPN, he comes clean about his steroid use, saying "I was young, I was stupid, I was naive." Correct, correct and correct.


FEB. 7

Sports Illustrated reports A-Rod was one of 104 players to test positive for performance-enhancing drugs in 2003. It's all downhill from here.

FEB. 12

Baseball commish Bud Selig says A-Rod has shamed the game. When Selig can say that about you, you are in bad shape.

FEB. 25

According to a New York Times/CBS poll, 44 percent of baseball fans say he should not be allowed in the Hall of Fame. Those are President Bush-like disapproval ratings.


FEB. 17

A-Rod gets grilled by the media during a news conference set up to reveal even more about his steroid use. He introduces the world to his cousin and supplier, Yuri Sucart.


FEB. 20

The New York Daily News reports A-Rod had traveled as recently as 2007 with a trainer who has been under MLB scrutiny since 2001 due to his connections to steroids.

MARCH 1

Major-league officials interview A-Rod about his admission that he used performance-enhancing drugs. Awkward.

WEDNESDAY

He has a cyst in his hip drained. Sounds like a blast.

MONDAY

Back to the O.R. A doctor says surgery on his hip reveals "no surprises."

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Rodriguez hip surgery goes 'as we planned'

Associated Press

TAMPA Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez underwent arthroscopic surgery Monday to repair torn cartilage in his right hip, and doctors said they found nothing that would keep him

from returning to the lineup in May.

"The surgery went exactly as we planned," said Dr. Marc Philippon, who performed the procedure at Vail Valley Surgery Center. "No surprises."

Yankees General Manager Brian

Cashman expects the three-time AL MVP back on the field "sometime in May." Rodriguez will need a more extensive operation after the season, and Philippon said Rodriguez will "absolutely" be ready for Spring Training in 2010.

You think A-Rod has it bad ...

RedEye asked our Twitter followers: Who's had a worse year in sports than Alex Rodriguez? Here are some of the responses.

@XenaGal01

Your question implies that he didn't deserve to have a bad year. When in fact he brought it upon himself.

@gnerl DePaul men's basketball. Way worse season.

@DavidDynasty

I say the Chicago Cubs even though it was last year they were number one and went so far to the playoffs and choked again ...

@joem500 A-Rod hasn't had a bad year in sports, it's life he's failing at.

@nickandersen If we include last season, the Cubs org. Did you watch them choke during the playoffs for the 2nd year in a row? Sad.

@directorsector John McCain. ... What? He was in a race!

@twittsburgh This is just a (salient) prediction, but anyone in the front office or on the field for the Pirates.

@JenniJohnson Shooting yourself in the leg trumps A-Rod. Sorry Plaxico, you may take the bullet for this one.

@alfeuerer The Detroit Lions.

@emvolland The Indiana Hoosiers.

@mikeabdul The disappointment felt by Chicago sports fans eclipses A-Rod's woes any day.

@ItsJustMimi Roger Federer. I love him, but he cried like a baby at the Australian Open. Rafa is killing his ego and perhaps hopes of a record. **COMPILED BY SCOTT KLEINBERG**



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It's on!

Q101.1's Alex Quigley is a big Cubs fan. Guest Andrew Reilly talks White Sox for The 35th Street Review (sox35th.com). Uh-oh.



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1 Why is Illinois the only state team likely to make the NCAA Tournament?

Prediction: Northwestern has a good Big Ten tourney run and gets in.

They're representing Gator orange and blue. Sorry, NU, blue is more than a feeling.

Because they're the only one that matters, says the guy wearing an ILLINI hoodie.

Because we know how 2 bribe the right folks.
@CaraCarriveau

Who needs the Big Dance? I've got \$20K on Wheaton to dominate the D-III tourney.

2 Why do Major League Baseball teams play college teams in Spring Training?

College kids always have the best steroids.

MLB players want to be more helpful, more hands-on with colleges and their fans.

Hey man, the Nationals should get to win a couple of games too.

Major League Self-Esteem Issues. Also makes a great before-and-after picture for steroids use. **@MattSTKC**

Kids with hangovers are a tougher challenge than the Pirates.

3 How do you imagine Charles Barkley's time in jail went?

Kind of like Leo's time in jail. Made some verrrry good friends.

Oh, you know Charles, he's quite the bawler.

Given the lurid nature of his arrest, I'd call it "The Saw-a-skank Redemption"

Inmates lined up when they heard the "Round Mound" was coming. **@ChicagoVince**

Not unlike his future gig as governor of Alabama: awkward, brief, painful.

4 What makes Alyssa Milano qualified to write a book about baseball?

Any boob can write a book. So I figure she'll write two.

Her ability to score. It's a picture book, right?

She can lay off the low-and-outside slider better than a certain Cubs outfielder.

Hello? Her TV dad was a pro baseball player.
@kristijoklemm

Her renowned literary skills and expertise on ... I can't say that with a straight face.

5 Who is Y.E. Yang?

The first fake name I ever used to make prank phone calls.

The guy who won the Honda Classic. Congrats to Jimmy for auctioning his car.

Jimmy's pelvis-thrustin', lady-pleasin' male stripper alter ego.

Professional table tennis champion? I have no ying to that yang ... **@salaminizer**

Either a character in Street Fighter III or the fourth guitarist for Iron Maiden. I forget which.

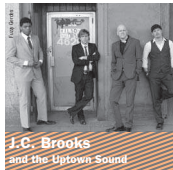
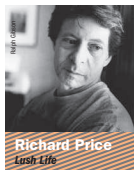
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I love watching these mid-major conference tournaments. They are like an appetizer for the NCAA Tournament, only with even-more-unheard-of teams.

Even Northwestern can look somewhat entertaining in the setting of a conference tourney.

OK, I'm getting carried away now.

Here now, my TV picks.

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This is what you call real soccer, people. Or is it football? Oh, heck with it.

HOMETOWN HITS



Luol Deng will miss at least two more weeks with a tiny stress fracture in his right leg. Deng said doctors in Miami and Chicago have determined that there is a "very small, not even a hairline" fracture in the leg.

» Miami 130, Bulls 127 (2 OT)

Monday's results

» Cleveland 9, White Sox 3
» Cubs 9, Kansas City 1

Tuesday's games

» DePaul vs. Cincinnati, 11 a.m.

HIT AND RUN

SOCCER

Chicago to host Gold Cup

The CONCACAF Gold Cup will be played in 13 U.S. cities, with the semifinals at Chicago's Soldier Field on July 23 and the championship three days later at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.

ONE-LINERS

» Former NBA star Charles Barkley was released from jail Monday after serving a three-day sentence on a drunken-driving conviction. » The United Football League announced Monday that its premiere season will be broadcast on cable network Versus. » Maria Sharapova is returning to the WTA Tour this week, ending her injury absence of more than seven months by playing doubles at an event in Indian Wells, Calif.



Northwestern's loss at Ohio State on Sunday was a big blow.
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Mini-madness

Let the postseason scramble begin in the Big Ten.

Regular-season champ Michigan State, along with Illinois and Purdue, are certain to move on to the NCAA Tournament no matter what happens in the conference tourney this week in Indianapolis.

Five other Big Ten teams can offer persuasive arguments to get into the NAAs. And a sixth, Northwestern, also could have a shot if the Wildcats can pull off a few upsets.

Let's break down the chances of the teams hoping for an invite to the Big Dance.



Indiana (1-17), Iowa (5-13)

These two bottom-feeders need to win the Big Ten tourney to make the NCAA tourney.



Michigan (9-9), Minnesota (9-9)

Both finished behind Penn State, but since

the selection committee looks at a team's entire season, the Gophers (41 RPI) and Wolverines (42) can make strong cases for at-large bids. Michigan's road win at Minnesota on Saturday could prove huge.



Ohio St. (10-8), Wisconsin (10-8)

Both are in good shape, but they play each other Friday in the quarterfinals. The loser might miss the Big Dance.



Penn St. (10-8)

A step behind Ohio St. or Wisconsin, but the Nittany Lions have a winning league record and wins at Michigan St. and Illinois. Another "W" strengthens their claim.



Northwestern (8-10)

The Wildcats lost their finale at Ohio State on Sunday—a game that would have markedly improved their

chances of getting into the NCAA tournament for the first time in school history. An RPI of 71 and a losing conference mark typically mean no at-large bid, so the Wildcats need to make a run.

I do Iditarod

By Whizzer

Next to the Westminster dog show, the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race is my Super Bowl. It's the biggest sled dog race of the year, by far. Heck, it might be the only one.

Plus, it's cool—and not just

because it's in Alaska. It includes terms such as musher and gorge; places such as Happy River and Rainy Pass; and competitors such as Lance Mackey and Aliy Zirkle, the Danica Patrick of sled dog racing, or so I'm told.

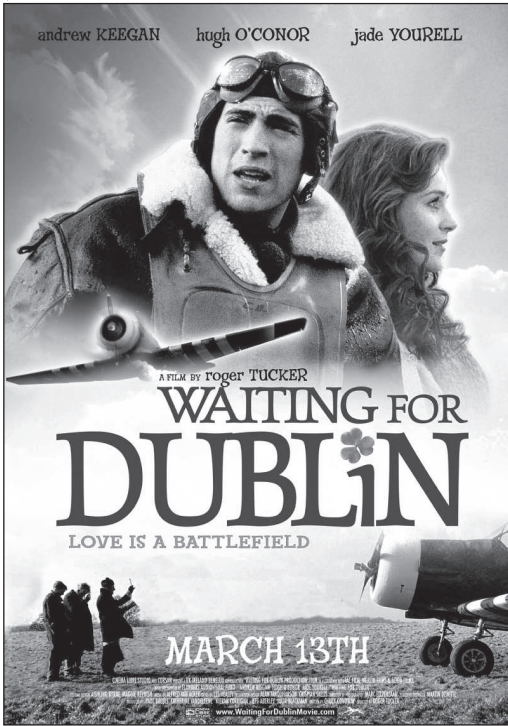
Mackey was leading as I wrote this. My guess is he won't be leading when you read this. My money's on two-time winner Ed Iten.

If only I can find a bookie that will take my bets.



Sled dogs
AP

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 ■ **Madagascar** (PG-13) 2:30,5:00,7:40,10:10
 ■ **International** (R) 4:00,10:20
 ■ **Confess-Shop** (PG) 1:50,4:40,7:20,10:00
 ■ **He's Just Not** (PG-13) 1:00,7:10
 ■ **AMC Select Slumdog Millionaire** (R) 1:30,4:30,7:30,10:30
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 ■ **Slumdog Millionaire** (R) 1:45,4:40,7:40,9:15,10:30
 ■ **Milk** (R) 1:30,4:30,7:30,10:20
 ■ **The Reader** (R) 3:15,6:45,10:00
 ■ **The Class** (PG-13) 3:10,6:30,9:45
 ■ **Doubt** (PG-13) 3:00,6:20

CITY NORTH 14 (KERASOTES)

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■ **Watchmen** (R) ★ 11:50,12:30,1:00,1:30,3:30,4:01,4:30,5:00,
 7:00,7:30,8:00,8:30,10:30
 ■ **Watchmen** (R) ★ 11:15 A.M. ;
 ■ **Watchmen** (R) ★ 2:45,6:15,9:45
 ■ **Jonas Brothers** (G) ★ 11:30 A.M. ;
 ■ **Jonas Brothers** (G) ★ 1:40,3:50,6:05,8:15,10:20
 ■ **Street Fighter** (PG-13) 1:20,4:50,7:15,10:40
 ■ **Street Fighter** (PG-13) ★ (Closed caption) 12:50,3:40,6:20,9:00
 ■ **Madagascar** (PG-13) 10:00 A.M. ;
 ■ **Madagascar** (PG-13) 12:40,3:20,6:30,9:15
 ■ **Friday the 13th** (R) 1:00 A.M. ;
 ■ **Friday the 13th** (R) 2:30,5:10,7:40,10:40
 ■ **Confess-Shop** (PG) 9:30 P.M. ;
 ■ **He's Just Not** (PG-13) 10:30 A.M. ;
 ■ **He's Just Not** (PG-13) 1:20,4:50,7:45,10:45
 ■ **Push** (PG-13) 10:45 A.M. ;
 ■ **Push** (PG-13) 1:50,4:40,7:20,10:00
 ■ **Coralline 3D** (PG) 10:10 A.M. ;
 ■ **Coralline 3D** (PG) 1:10,4:40,7:10,9:50
 ■ **Taken** (PG-13) 11:45 A.M. ;
 ■ **Taken** (PG-13) 2:20,5:20,7:50,10:10
 ■ **Blart: Mail Cop** (PG) 1:40 A.M. ;
 ■ **Blart: Mail Cop** (PG) 2:00,4:20,6:50

DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)

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■ **Watchmen** (R) ★ 6:45,10:00
 ■ **Milk** (R) 5:00,7:40,10:15
 ■ **He's Just Not** (PG-13) 4:50,7:40,10:10
 ■ **Slumdog Millionaire** (R) 5:10,7:30,10:00

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 ■ **Street Fighter** (PG-13) 2:15,4:50,7:20,9:45
 ■ **Fired Up** (PG-13) 2:10,4:25,6:40,9:10
 ■ **Madagascar** (PG-13) 1:45,2:40,3:15,4:10,5:10,6:10,7:00,
 7:50,9:00,9:40,10:00
 ■ **International** (R) 2:00 P.M. ;
 ■ **Friday the 13th** (R) 4:40,7:05,9:20
 ■ **Coralline** (PG) 1:50,4:45,7:15,9:50
 ■ **Taken** (PG-13) 1:30,3:40,5:40,7:55,10:00
 ■ **AMC Select Slumdog Millionaire** (R) 1:40,4:20,7:10,9:45
 ■ **Blart: Mail Cop** (PG) 3:00,5:20,7:40,9:55

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 ■ **About Water** (NR) 8:15 P.M.

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■ **Defiance** (R) 2:15,6:00,8:30
 ■ **Marley & Me** (PG) 2:10,4:20,6:30,8:40
 ■ **Blart: Mail Cop** (PG) 2:00,4:00,6:05,8:15
 ■ **Hotel for Dogs** (PG) 2:05,4:10,6:15
 ■ **Frost/Nixon** (R) 8:20 P.M.

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 ■ **The Wrestler** (R) 5:00,7:30,9:45

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■ **AMC Select Phoebe in Wonderland** (PG-13) 3:30,5:45,8:00
 ■ **International** (R) 2:00,7:00
 ■ **AMC Select The Wrestler** (R) 2:30,5:00,7:30
 ■ **AMC Select Waltz-Bashir** (R) 2:10,4:50
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 ■ **Jonas Brothers** (G) ♦ 2:40,5:05,7:25,9:35
 ■ **Madagascar** (PG-13) 1:50,2:50,4:45,5:45,7:40,8:40,10:35
 ■ **International** (R) 5:40,8:35
 ■ **Friday the 13th** (R) 1:50,7:05
 ■ **Confess-Shop** (PG) 1:10,3:45,9:45
 ■ **He's Just Not** (PG-13) 1:05,4:20,7:45,10:50
 ■ **Pink Panther 2** (PG) 1:00,3:20
 ■ **Coralline** (PG) 1:15,4:05,6:45,9:30
 ■ **Taken** (PG-13) 3:00,5:30,8:10,10:40
 ■ **AMC Select Milk** (R) 1:30,4:25,7:20,10:25
 ■ **AMC Select Slumdog Millionaire** (R) 1:15,2:15,4:20,5:15,7:15,8:15,10:30
 ■ **AMC Select The Reader** (R) 2:20,5:20,8:20
 ■ **AMC Select The Reader** (R) 2:00,5:10,8:25
 ■ **Benjamin Button** (PG-13) 1:20,5:00,8:40
 ■ **AMC Select Doubt** (PG-13) 4:10,9:25

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■ **Watchmen** (R) ★ 12:00,12:30,1:30,3:30,4:00,5:00,7:00,7:30,8:30,10:30 ;
 ■ **Watchmen** (R) ★ 11:15 A.M. ;
 ■ **Watchmen** (R) ★ 1:00,2:45,4:30,6:15,8:00,9:45
 ■ **Jonas Brothers** (G) ★ 11:30 A.M. ;
 ■ **Jonas Brothers** (G) ★ 1:40,3:50,6:05,8:15,10:20
 ■ **Street Fighter** (PG-13) ★ 11:50 A.M. ;
 ■ **Street Fighter** (PG-13) ★ 2:50,5:20,7:45,10:15
 ■ **Madagascar** (PG-13) 1:20 P.M. ;
 ■ **Madagascar** (PG-13) 4:20,7:10,10:00
 ■ **Fired Up** (PG-13) 1:10 P.M. ;
 ■ **Fired Up** (PG-13) 2:20,5:10,7:50
 ■ **Friday the 13th** (R) 10:05 P.M.
 ■ **International** (R) 10:10 P.M.
 ■ **Confess-Shop** (PG) 11:10 A.M. ;
 ■ **Confess-Shop** (PG) 2:00,7:40
 ■ **He's Just Not** (PG-13) 12:20 P.M. ;
 ■ **He's Just Not** (PG-13) 3:20,6:30,9:30
 ■ **Coralline 3D** (PG) 11:40 A.M. ;
 ■ **Coralline 3D** (PG) 2:10,4:50,7:20,9:50
 ■ **Taken** (PG-13) 12:45 P.M. ;
 ■ **Taken** (PG-13) 3:00,5:30,8:10,10:35
 ■ **Blart: Mail Cop** (PG) 11:20 A.M. ;
 ■ **Blart: Mail Cop** (PG) 1:50,4:15,6:40,9:00
 ■ **The Reader** (R) 11:10 P.M. ;
 ■ **The Reader** (R) 4:10,7:15,10:25
 ■ **Benjamin Button** (PG-13) 12:50 P.M. ;
 ■ **Benjamin Button** (PG-13) 4:45,8:20
 ■ **The Wrestler** (R) 12:40 P.M. ;
 ■ **The Wrestler** (R) 3:40,6:50,9:20
 ■ **Slumdog Millionaire** (R) 12:10 P.M. ;
 ■ **Slumdog Millionaire** (R) 3:10,6:20,9:10

WEBSTER PLACE (KERASOTES)

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■ **Watchmen** (R) ★ 11:10 A.M. ;
 ■ **Watchmen** (R) ★ 11:50,12:30,1:00,2:45,3:30,4:00,4:30,6:15,
 7:00,7:30,8:00,9:45,10:30
 ■ **Jonas Brothers** (G) ★ 11:30 A.M. ;
 ■ **Jonas Brothers** (G) ★ 1:40,3:50,6:05,8:15,10:20
 ■ **International** (R) 10:15 A.M. ;
 ■ **International** (R) 3:40,9:10
 ■ **Confess-Shop** (PG) 1:10 P.M. ;
 ■ **Confess-Shop** (PG) 6:30 P.M. ;
 ■ **He's Just Not** (PG-13) 10:20 A.M. ;
 ■ **He's Just Not** (PG-13) 1:20,4:20,7:15,10:10
 ■ **Coralline** (PG) 10:30 A.M. ;
 ■ **Coralline** (PG) 1:15,4:10,6:40,9:30
 ■ **Taken** (PG-13) 11:00 A.M. ;
 ■ **Taken** (PG-13) 1:30,4:15,6:50,9:20
 ■ **Gran Torino** (R) 11:20 A.M. ;
 ■ **Gran Torino** (R) 2:00,5:00,7:50,10:45
 ■ **Frost/Nixon** (R) 10:40 A.M. ;
 ■ **Frost/Nixon** (R) 1:50,4:50,7:40,10:40

SHOWPLACE 14 - GALEWOOD CROSSINGS (KERASOTES)

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 ■ **Watchmen** (R) 4:30,8:00 ;
 ■ **Watchmen** (R) 3:30 P.M. ;
 ■ **Watchmen** (R) 7:00,10:30 ;
 ■ **Watchmen** (R) 2:45 P.M. ;
 ■ **Watchmen** (R) 6:15,9:45 ;
 ■ **Jonas Brothers** (G) 1:40 P.M. ;
 ■ **Jonas Brothers** (G) 3:50,6:05,8:15,10:15
 ■ **Street Fighter** (PG-13) 2:10 P.M. ;
 ■ **Street Fighter** (PG-13) 5:00,7:30,10:00
 ■ **Madagascar** (PG-13) 2:30 P.M. ;
 ■ **Madagascar** (PG-13) 5:10,7:50,10:20 ;
 ■ **Madagascar** (PG-13) 12:40 P.M. ;
 ■ **Madagascar** (PG-13) 3:40,6:30,9:10 ;
 ■ **Madagascar** (PG-13) 2:00 P.M. ;
 ■ **Madagascar** (PG-13) 4:40,7:10,9:50
 ■ **Friday the 13th** (R) 1:30 P.M. ;
 ■ **Friday the 13th** (R) 4:00,6:50,9:20
 ■ **Coralline** (PG) 1:10 P.M. ;
 ■ **Coralline** (PG) 4:10,4:45,9:15
 ■ **Push** (PG-13) 1:20 P.M. ;
 ■ **Push** (PG-13) 4:20,7:20,9:55
 ■ **Taken** (PG-13) 2:20 P.M. ;
 ■ **Taken** (PG-13) 4:50,7:45,10:10
 ■ **Blart: Mail Cop** (PG) 2:15 P.M. ;
 ■ **Blart: Mail Cop** (PG) 5:15,7:40,10:05
 ■ **Slumdog Millionaire** (R) 12:50 P.M. ;
 ■ **Slumdog Millionaire** (R) 3:45,6:40,9:30

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■ **Watchmen** (R) ★ 2:45 P.M. ;
 ■ **Watchmen** (R) ★ 6:15,9:45 ;

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 ■ **Watchmen** (R) ★ 1:00 P.M. ;
 ■ **Watchmen** (R) ★ 4:30,8:00 ;
 ■ **Watchmen** (R) 3:30 P.M. ;
 ■ **Watchmen** (R) 7:00,10:30 ;
 ■ **Watchmen** (R) 12:30 P.M. ;
 ■ **Watchmen** (R) ★ 4:00,7:30
 ■ **Jonas Brothers** (G) ★ 1:40 P.M. ;
 ■ **Jonas Brothers** (G) ★ 3:50,6:05,8:15,10:15
 ■ **Street Fighter** (PG-13) ★ 2:10 P.M. ;
 ■ **Street Fighter** (PG-13) ★ 5:00,7:45,10:10
 ■ **Madagascar** (PG-13) 12:40 P.M. ;
 ■ **Madagascar** (PG-13) 3:40,6:30,9:10 ;
 ■ **Madagascar** (PG-13) 2:00 P.M. ;
 ■ **Madagascar** (PG-13) 4:40,7:10,9:50
 ■ **Friday the 13th** (R) 1:30 P.M. ;
 ■ **Friday the 13th** (R) 4:15,6:50,9:20
 ■ **Coralline** (PG) 1:10 P.M. ;
 ■ **Coralline** (PG) 4:10,4:45,9:15
 ■ **Push** (PG-13) 4:20 P.M. ;
 ■ **Push** (PG-13) 9:40 P.M. ;
 ■ **The Uninvited** (PG-13) 1:20 P.M. ;
 ■ **The Uninvited** (PG-13) 7:20 P.M. ;
 ■ **Taken** (PG-13) 2:30 P.M. ;
 ■ **Taken** (PG-13) 5:10,7:50,10:20
 ■ **Blart: Mail Cop** (PG) 2:15 P.M. ;
 ■ **Blart: Mail Cop** (PG) 5:15,7:40,10:00
 ■ **Slumdog Millionaire** (R) 3:45,6:40,9:30

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■ **Watchmen** (R) 12:00,1:00,3:20,4:20,6:40,7:40,10:00
 ■ **Jonas Brothers** (G) 12:00,1:50,3:40,5:30,7:20,9:10
 ■ **The Reader** (R) 1:15,4:00,6:45,9:25
 ■ **Doubt** (PG-13) 12:25,2:45,5:05,7:25,9:45
 ■ **Milk** (R) 4:15,9:55
 ■ **He's Just Not** (PG-13) 1:30,7:05
 ■ **Slumdog Millionaire** (R) 2:00,4:40,7:20,10:00

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 6:30,7:00,8:15,9:25,10:00
 ■ **Confess-Shop** (PG) 12:05,2:40,5:15,7:50,10:20
 ■ **Coralline** (PG) ★ 1:55,2:25,4:55,7:35,10:10
 ■ **Gran Torino** (R) 1:30,4:30,7:20,10:00
 ■ **He's Just Not** (PG-13) 12:55,4:05,7:10,10:20
 ■ **Jonas Brothers** (G) ★ 12:00,2:40,4:50,7:30,9:55
 ■ **Street Fighter** (PG-13) 1:45,2:05,4:30
 ■ **Slumdog Millionaire** (R) 1:20,4:20,7:30,10:25
 ■ **Street Fighter** (PG-13) ★ 12:00,2:40,4:50,7:30,9:55
 ■ **Taken** (PG-13) 12:45,3:05,5:30,7:55,10:30
 ■ **The Class** (PG-13) 1:10,4:10,7:10,10:10
 ■ **International** (R) 7:25,10:05
 ■ **The Reader** (R) 1:00,4:00,7:00,9:55
 ■ **The Wrestler** (R) 11:40,2:20,5:00,7:40,10:15
 ■ **Madagascar** (PG-13) 11:35,12:50,2:10,3:30,4:45,6:05,7:15,8:40

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1. Mick Mojito
Sip this Irish-inspired mojito (\$5), made with Green River soda and peach vodka, plus the usual lime juice and mint, at **Debonair Social Club**, 1575 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-227-7990.

2. The Tossers

Rock out to these local Celtic-punk vets, whose smart, fun and well-crafted madness doesn't require full-on sloshedness to enjoy. Sing along Saturday at **Metro**, 3730 N. Clark St. 773-549-0203. 9 p.m. \$16.

3. Chocolate-Guinness cupcakes

Indulge in one of these stout-laced sweets (\$3.50), available starting Tuesday at Gold Coast cupcake boutique **More** (1 E. Delaware Pl. 312-951-0001). They won't get you tipsy, but they'll give you one heck of a sugar high.

4. Obnoxious green gear

Assemble your parade ensemble from the range of goofy hats and clover-printed scarves at Michigan Avenue accessory shop **Temptation II**, 316 N. Michigan Ave. 312-920-0299.

Irish breakfast



5. Irish breakfast

Come hungry for this traditional breakfast (\$12) at **Bananas Foster** (1147 W. Granville Ave. 773-262-9855). Though owner John Winslow hails from England, he does his Irish great-grandmother proud with this meal, which skips the black pudding but boasts a heap o' food.

6. Irish Bacon Sour

Leave it to mixologist Adam Seger at **Nacional 27** (325 W. Huron St. 312-664-2727) to mix up something unexpected for St. Patty's. This cocktail combines green apple and bacon-infused Bushmills Irish whiskey with lemon juice, maple syrup and egg white for a foamy topper (\$10).

Beyond beer

17 ways to get psyched for St. Patrick's Day

By Metromix staff

As sure as the Chicago River swallows its annual dose of green dye, St. Paddy's Day revelers will toast the Emerald Isle with a pint of beer—Guinness, green-tinted PBR or otherwise. But there's more to celebrating St. Pat's than discounted drafts of Smithwick's. Step outside the pint with these party-ready suggestions.

7. Guinness-crust pizza

Nothing goes with pizza like beer. Except more beer. Save yourself the trouble of double fisting with a slice of special St. Pat's Day pizza (\$8, available 4:30-10 p.m. March 17) from **Frasca Pizzeria** (3358 N. Paulina St. 773-248-5222), which bakes the Guinness right into the crust. Topped with potatoes, bechamel sauce and onions.

8. Flatfoot 56

Revel in the Celtic-punk mayhem of these Metromix Rock 'n Vote alums. On St. Pat's, the South Side rockers just may explode. 6:30 p.m. March 17. \$5-\$8. **Subterranean**, 2011 W. North Ave. 773-278-6600.



9. St. Patrick's Night o' the Irish

Class it up at booze boutique **Drinks Over Dearborn** (650 N. Dearborn, 2nd Fl. 312-337-9463) as owner Kyle McHugh hosts a tasting of whiskies, cheeses and mini-corned beef sandwiches—plus a few Irish beers, if you're into that sort of thing. 5:30 p.m. March 17. \$25-\$35.

10. 'Patti Vasquez: Tequila and Shamrocks'

Hear funny stories from local comedian Vasquez about growing up in a multiethnic family with Mexican and Irish roots. 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday. \$12. **Chicago Center for the Performing Arts**, 777 N. Green St. 312-733-6000.

11. North of North Side partying

Avoid the city's St. Pat's mayhem and head north to the **Celtic Knot's** (626 Church St., Evanston. 847-864-1679) daylong celebration, with Irish dancers at noon, Irish folk bands at 6 p.m. and an Irish acoustic duo at 9 p.m.

12. iCream deal

Don some form of St. Pat's flair on March 17 and get a 10 percent discount at just-opened "customizable ice cream" spot **iCream** (1537 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-342-2834). All of the shop's made-to-order ice cream will be green that day. Unless you request otherwise. And we can imagine why you might.

13. Irish whiskey flights

Get your drink on with Ireland's other alcohol of choice and order up the whiskey flight (\$10) through March 31 at **Dine** (733 W. Madison St. 312-602-2100). Includes tastes of Jameson, Tullamore Dew and Feckin Irish whiskeys.



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14. Free trolley rides

Leave the car behind and hop a free trolley during your pre-Pat's escapades. Cricket trolleys run along Michigan Avenue from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. weekends through March 23. Route planner: getsomerespekt.com

15. Luck o' the Irish cooking class

Learn to make Guinness-battered onion rings, corned beef and other festive fare on March 17 at both locations of **The Chopping Block** (222 Merchandise Mart Plaza, Ste. 107, and 4747 N. Lincoln Ave.). \$75. R.S.V.P. required. 312-644-6360.

16. Celtic thrillers

Engross yourself in an evening of free movies and popcorn March 15 at **Fat Cat** (4840 N. Broadway. 773-506-3100) during screenings of "The Boondock Saints" at 8 p.m. and "The Leprechaun" at 10 p.m.

17. Bird's-eye view

Ditch the crowds to watch River North's St. Pat's Day chaos 15 floors above it all at **Cityscape** (350 W. Mart Center Drive. 312-836-5000) while sipping the best-named cocktail of the season: Leprechaun Spit (\$6), made with Apple Pucker and Irish whiskey.

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Purimpalooza

Theatre Building Chicago, 1225 W. Belmont Ave.

News flash: St. Patrick's Day isn't the only holiday this month with a namesake martini. The Jewish holiday Purim officially started at sundown Monday, but the party kicks into gear Tuesday with wine, Purim-tinis and entertainment from improv group Thursdays with Ryan and live music by Balkano, which blends klezmer, Latin jazz and Bulgarian wedding music. 7 p.m. **Cost:** \$15-\$18. 773-871-6780. Tickets: shurekehilla.org

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Sound of Silent Film Festival

Chopin Theatre, 1543 W. Division St.

The heyday of silent films is a thing of the past, but the fringe genre is by no means gone for good. See examples of contemporary silent films with live scores at this fourth annual fest. The program features the Oscar-winning 2000 film, "Father and Daughter," with a score by Amos Gillespie and a handful of others. 7 p.m. **Cost:** \$10-\$15. 773-334-3650. Tickets: acmusic.org

'Drink Like You're Irish' tasting

Maeve, 1325 W. Wrightwood Ave. 773-388-3333.

The drinking habits of an entire country are in the spotlight this month, and whether or not you agree with the sentiment, the message is the same: Drink up. Before you drown in green beer, try more than 20 global brews from such places as Belgium, China, Tanzania and, yes, Ireland, at this pre-St. Pat's tasting. Includes brats, cheeses and gourmet pretzels. 7 p.m. **Cost:** \$15.

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Taste of Chaos: Thursday

Vic Theatre/Brew & View, 3145 N. Sheffield Ave.

Get your rock on a little early when the Taste of Chaos tour brings New Jersey punk rockers Thursday to Lakeview. Also features bands Four Year Strong, Bring Me The Horizon, Pierce The Veil and the Cancer Bats. Read more about Thursday in our Q&A with frontman Geoff Rickly online at metromix.com. 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$25-75. 312-559-1212.

Scotch and Irish whiskey tasting

Emmit's, 495 N. Milwaukee Ave. 312-563-9631.

Green beer on St. Pat's is for amateurs. Try your luck with something a little more potent at this sixth annual event, featuring six samples from Glenlivet, Jameson and Chivas Regal, ranging in age from 12-18 years. 6 p.m. Stick around for a Guinness tasting at 9:30 p.m. **Cost:** No cover.

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\$5 Jameson and Corzo tequila cocktails, \$2 Mickey's Hand Grenades, \$4 312 and Goose Island Mild Winter drafts, team trivia 8 p.m.; 2047 W. Division St. 773-489-5050.

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\$3 cocktails; 2512 N. Halsted St. 773-296-9700.

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\$2.50 PBR bottles, \$3.50 beer-of-the-month pints, 25 cent wings, \$4 Absolut cocktails; 1938 W. Chicago Ave. 773-235-3483.

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\$1 PBR and Miller Lite drafts, \$3 Jim Beam cocktails, half-price burgers, DJs spin indie rock. 10 p.m.; 2051 W. Division St. 773-394-2066.

BUTCH MCGUIRE'S

Two-for-one appetizers, \$5 Jager bombs, \$6.95 grilled cheese with tomato soup, team trivia 8 p.m.; 20 W. Division St. 312-337-9080.

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Two-for-one sandwiches, \$2 PBR cans; 2825 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-248-2825.

JUNIOR'S

\$6 Bud Light pitchers, free pool, Wii games; 724 W. Maxwell St. 312-421-2277.

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7:30 p.m.: "RuPaul's Drag Race" viewing



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Two-for-one pasta dishes, half-price bottles of wine, game show night 7 p.m.; 3554 N. Clark St. 773-327-8572.

party. Sip half-price martinis while RuPaul hosts the Logo online channel's drag queen reality competition (11 p.m.). Jade, a local contestant, performs at the party's start. No cover; 3700 N. Halsted St. 773-525-1111.

LUCKY NUMBER GRILL

\$2 well drinks, \$2.50 domestic bottles, \$3.50 import bottles, \$1 mini-burgers, \$4 mini-burger and beer combo, \$4 wings and beer combo; 1931 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-235-7761.

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\$2 Miller High Life bottles, \$3 Svedka vodka cocktails, DJs spin. 10 p.m. No cover; 1218 W. Morse Ave. 773-764-8900.

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Half-price appetizers. 4-6 p.m.; 17 E. Monroe St. Palmer House Hilton. 312-917-4933.

RELAX LOUNGE

\$3 PBR cans, \$4 burgers, \$5 Jack Daniel's and Jim Beam cocktails; 1450 W. Chicago Ave. 312-666-6006.

SHEFFIELD'S

\$3 Miller Lite bottles, \$3 Jager bombs, half-price appetizers; 3258 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-281-4989.

SUBTERRANEAN

\$2.50 Berghoff Red beers, \$5.50 Red Bull and vodka drinks, hip-hop open mic, DJs Norm Rockwell and Verb spin. 10 p.m.-2 a.m. \$5; 2011 W. North Ave. 773-278-6600.

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9 p.m. \$19-\$21. House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2000.

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7 p.m. Free. The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston. 847-864-1679.

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8:30 p.m. \$7. Elbo Room, 2871 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-549-5549.

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10 p.m. Free. Red Line Tap, 7006 N. Glenwood Ave. 773-274-5463.

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8 and 10 p.m. Cover varies. Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth Ct. 312-360-0234.

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Associated Press

In 2001, Simon Cowell figured a singing contest snapped up by British TV would be an easy sell in America. Instead, network responses ranged from lukewarm to hostile.

"I was thrown out in one pitch meeting. After 30 seconds, the guy told me to get out," Cowell said. "The main thing we were being told was music doesn't work on TV in prime-time. We tried to explain that there's lot more than music on the show."

So much for Hollywood acumen: The international "Idol" empire founded by Simon Fuller has made a hit TV show seem an obvious, even puny ambition as Idolmania has swept across the pop culture realm.

The talent contest has "created this whole zeitgeist, and it's really about Americans and participating in creating a celebrity of their own," said analyst Shari Ann Brill of Carat USA.

Fuller, who started it all with Britain's "Pop Idol" and carried the concept to the U.S. and more than 35 TV markets worldwide, told The Times of London that "pure, simple television is not that interesting for me; what's far more interesting is trying to create a cult effect."

It's been a lucrative exercise for Fuller and others. His 19 Entertainment last week reported an operating profit of \$92.5 million, a 37 percent increase over 2008's \$67.4 million. Fuller's net worth in 2008 reportedly approached \$1 billion. FremantleMedia, which teams with 19 Entertainment in producing the U.S. version, exporting the format and licensing, is another winner.

For Fox, which gave "American Idol" a modest summertime 2002 tryout at the urging of Rupert Murdoch, whose News Corp. owns the network, the show is a money machine. A

The finalists

For the first time, "American Idol's" final rounds will kick off with 13 finalists (7 p.m. Tuesday, Fox). So who are they and what are their chances? I have no idea. But here's my best guess as to how America will vote—not that I agree. We also asked the Twitterverse what they think. **CURT WAGNER, REDEYE**

MORE 'IDOL'

- » Read a review of Kelly Clarkson's new album on **Page 29**.
- » For more on "Idol," go to redeyechicago.com/showpatrol.

30-second commercial on "Idol" costs around \$500,000 and rises to more than \$600,000 for the finale, said Ray Dundas, an analyst for ad-buying firm Initiative. By comparison, he said, other top 10 shows, such as "Grey's Anatomy," get closer to \$240,000 per half-minute ad.

The difference reflects both the size of the "Idol" audience and the fact that it can deliver the elusive young adult viewers preferred by advertisers, Dundas said.

"American Idol," in short, big-foots broadcasting.

It has dominated as the most-watched series since its third year, a pattern that's holding true this season even as TV ratings dip overall as the consumer pool is increasingly splintered by broadcast, cable, DVRs and the Internet. Two-hour "American Idol" episodes on Tuesday have averaged 58 percent more viewers than the closest competition, CBS' "NCIS" and "The Mentalist" (27 million for "Idol" vs. 17 million each for the CBS shows).

"I don't believe there will ever be another show like this," said Mike Darnell, Fox's president of alternative entertainment. "It's the last of its breed."



Danny Gokey

Age: 28

He's got the touching backstory, something of a stage presence and he can sing.

My guess: Your next American Idol.

From Twitterverse:

@lowtvstandards: Idol Thoughts: Why does Danny Gokey look so much like Robert Downey Jr., and just how many pairs of sexy librarian glasses can he bust out?!


Michael Sarver
Age: 27

Someone out there likes the oil rigger, but his voice and lack of style don't do anything for me.

My guess: He's out Wednesday—13th place

From Twitterverse:

@musicmuch: P.S. I call Michael Sarver for 13th place.


Kris Allen
Age: 23

Cute and cuddly only gets you so far. He's also kind of boring.

My guess: 12th place

From Twitterverse:

@SGrrr: I don't get the buzz around Kris Allen ... He's a cutie but a boring singer.


Megan Joy Corkrey
Age: 23

I'm not sure what the judges see in Megan, but their boosterism should keep her a week too long.

My guess: 11th place

From Twitterverse:

@mugs_melish: It's going to Megan Joy Corkrey for sure, love her style.


Jorge Nuñez
Age: 21

Has anyone else been annoyed by the judges flip-flopping over his accent? This Puerto Rican will charm, but only to the middle rounds.

My guess: 10th place

From Twitterverse:

@djkboogle: Nunez got that Jon Secada vibe goin'.


Jasmine Murray
Age: 17

She's made for TV, but maybe on "90210." If she finds her voice and style, she could threaten. I doubt that'll happen.

My guess: Ninth place

From Twitterverse:

@hljean: Murray is truly, truly terrible. I'd take Tatiana over her any day.


Anoop Desai
Age: 22

He's a hit in his home state of North Carolina, but he's too dorky to go all the way.

My guess: Eighth place

From Twitterverse:

@philbolsta: When Anoop wasn't picked, something wasn't right. Glad they did what they did!


Matt Giraud
Age: 23

He likes Coldplay, which puts him at odds with the judges, who think he sounds better being soulful. What will he do?

My guess: Seventh place

From Twitterverse:

@Buffy619: I think Matt is going to be a dark horse in this competition.


Scott MacIntyre
Age: 23

It seems the legally blind guy's got the whole world and the judges behind him. His singing has been iffy to me.

My guess: Sixth place

From Twitterverse:

@palais1977: He has actual talent. Can't wait for the piano.


Alexis Grace
Age: 21

I love her voice and stage presence, but she'll need to step it up to beat out the sob stories and showmanship of others.

My guess: Fifth place

From Twitterverse:

@thebrowncoat: I kind of like AG, but I could care less about the rest—and she's not going to win.


Allison Iraheta
Age: 16

She rocked in the semis and should get the Miley-fan vote.

My guess: Fourth place

From Twitterverse:

@beautifulcity: I have this crazy obsession with Allison Iraheta and her rendition of "Alone"

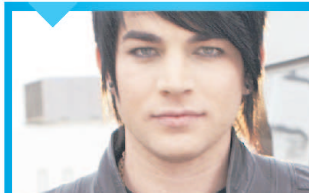

Lil Rounds
Age: 24

The mother of three knows her voice, her talent, her style. She'll be around for a while, but the strongest singer doesn't always win.

My guess: Third place

From Twitterverse:

@gunfighter1: None of them can come close to Lil Rounds.


Adam Lambert
Age: 27

My favorite—although I think he'll suffer some backlash for his theatricality and those kissing photos online.

My guess: Second place

From Twitterverse:

@apocalypse_: Adam Lambert :) is so gonna win American Idol

The 'Idol' effect

"American Idol" isn't just a long-running TV juggernaut. It has altered the pop culture landscape in many ways. **AP**

Creating stars

Kelly Clarkson, Carrie Underwood and Jennifer Hudson are among the singers rewarded with instant careers in music, movies and theater.

New business

A chorus of enterprises has gotten a dusting of "Idol" magic, from Dreyer's ice cream (Cookies N Dreamz among the novelty flavors) to a Disney World attraction to the "Karaoke Revolution Presents American Idol" video game.

Music for masses

A deal with iTunes for exclusive show video and song downloads last season coincided with Apple's emergence as the nation's leading music retailer.

Charity

Although producers dropped the charity initiative Idol Gives Back for this year, it raised \$64 million in 2008 for groups including Children's Health Fund and Malaria No More.

TV trendsetter

"Idol" has served as blueprint for a generation of shows in which contestants—whether singing, dancing, skating, playing the fiddle or swallowing fire—are vetted by a triad that includes one wasp-tongued TV judge, preferably with a foreign accent.

'Idol' news

"American Idol" is once again tapping former contestants for favors.

Carrie Underwood will perform the new season's send-off song. The Season 4 winner has recorded a remake of Motley Crue's "Home Sweet Home," Fox announced Monday. It will replace Season 2 winner Ruben Studdard's song "Celebrate Me Home" as the farewell ballad for those being sent home. Expect to hear it Wednesday.

Season 1 winner Kelly Clarkson (right) also will appear Wednesday to perform on the 8 p.m. results show. Kanye West, who never competed on "Idol," also sings Wednesday. **cw.**



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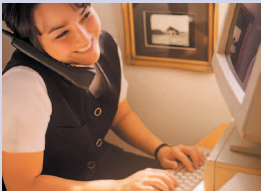


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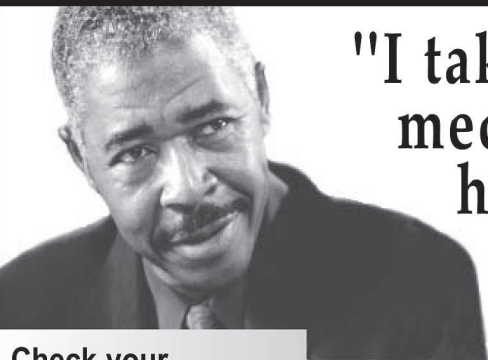
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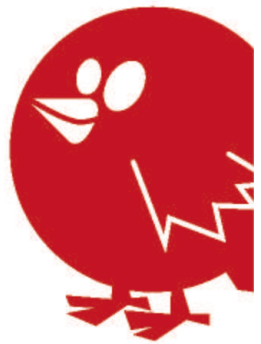
Ashlee's 'Place'

Ashlee Simpson-Wentz has come full circle. She has been tapped to appear on the CW's reboot of "Melrose Place," according to reports that surfaced Monday. It's a return to form for the entertainer, who got her big break on the WB's teen drama "7th Heaven."

"I'm thrilled to be joining the cast of 'Melrose Place,'" she tells usmagazine.com in a state-

ment. "I look forward to being a part of its new generation of residents."

No word yet on how big of a commitment the reported gig will be—only that she'll be playing a small-town girl trying to hit it big in L.A. While we wait for the details to trickle out, take a look at how Simpson-Wentz's new gig completes what we're calling the Circle of Ashlee.



TWITTER TUNE-IN

We asked RedEye's Twitter followers to comment on Ashlee Simpson-Wentz heading to "Melrose Place." Here's what they had to say. Want an on-air spot with RedEye? Follow us at twitter.com/redeyechicago

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Remaking '90s shows is a joke because '90s shows were a joke, we just didn't get the punch line until 10 years later.

2009

Simpson-Wentz is slated to appear on "CSI:NY" with her hubby.

Simpson-Wentz will appear on "Melrose Place"

2002

Simpson appears on "7th Heaven" as Cecilia Smith. The gig lasts two seasons.

2008

Amid rumors that she's preggers, Simpson releases album No. 3, "Bittersweet World."



Simpson becomes Simpson-Wentz when she marries Pete. The couple confirm they're expecting.

Simpson-Wentz and Wentz welcome son Bronx Mowgli to the family.



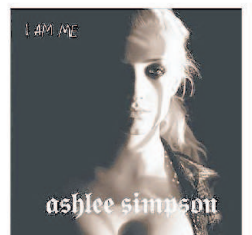
2007

Simpson is linked romantically to Fall Out Boy rocker Pete Wentz.

2005

She makes her movie debut in "Undiscovered," playing a frumpy actress.

She releases "I Am Me," her second album, which tops the charts.



2003

She releases her first big song, "Just Let Me Cry," via Lindsay Lohan's "Freaky Friday" movie.



It's "The Ashlee Simpson Show"! MTV cameras follow Simpson as she records her debut album, "Autobiography."

Simpson gets caught lip-synching on "SNL."

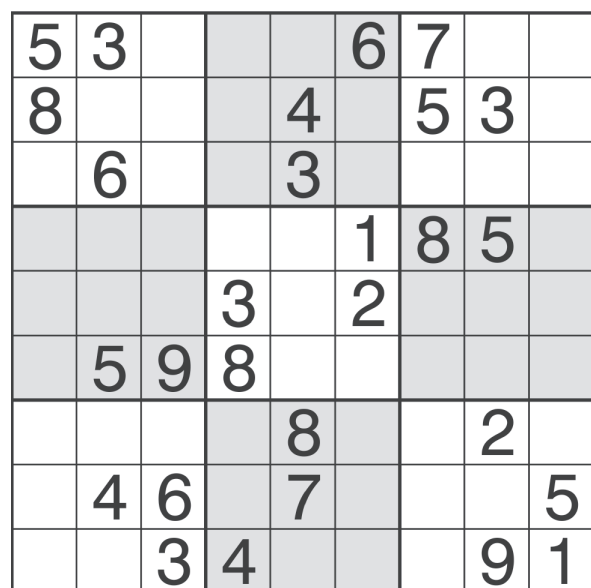
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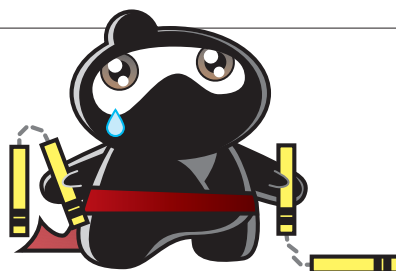
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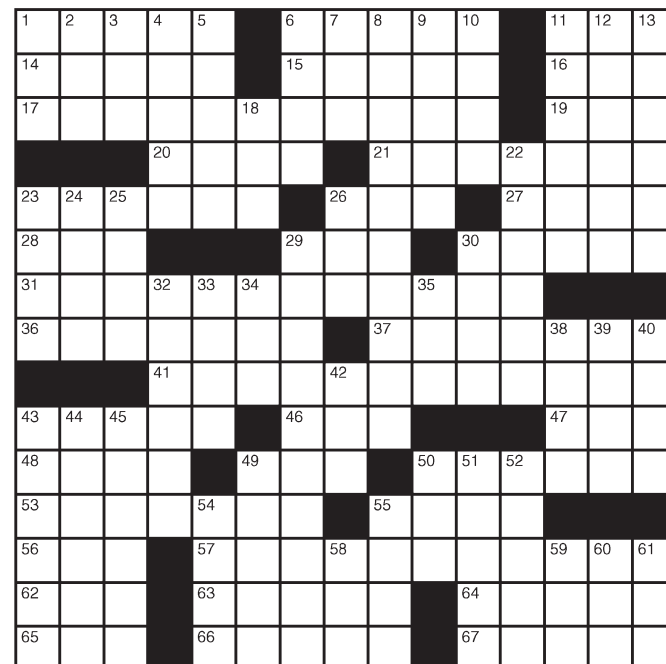
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Michael Phillips, who works at Intelligentsia Coffee and Tea in Lakeview, took top honors at the U.S. Barista Championship this weekend in Portland, Ore.

"It was really unexpected," Phillips, 30, told RedEye on Monday. This was the third year of national competition for Phillips, who was featured in a RedEye cover story last April about baristas. He said he almost didn't enter this year because he hadn't placed as well as usual in the regional contest (he was fifth).

Phillips will now represent the U.S. in the World Barista Championship, to be held April 16-19 in Atlanta.

"It's a heavy weight to bear," said Phillips, who also won a trophy and \$1,000 cash. "I'm just stoked to go there and do the best I can."



Michael Phillips
REDEYE FILE



"What do you mean what happened? Look at me. What do you think happened? I'm a 41-year-old man with a bra filled with Koosh balls. I'm an imbecile. She couldn't date an imbecile anymore."

—Jimmy Kimmel, who dressed up as Rosie O'Donnell (left) for his visit to "The View" on Monday, when the hosts asked why he and Sarah Silverman split up.

THE VELVET ROPE

U2 has a secret

Here's what we know: U2 is appearing somewhere in Chicago on Tuesday. Local promoters and the band's label, Interscope Records, were being very tight-lipped Monday about the secret event, for which local radio stations have given away exclusive tickets to a small number of winners. While no one will confirm the location, rumors of a DJ-focused event have centered on Metro and its adjacent dance club, Smart Bar. The Tribune's Greg Kot also hints that you may see the band along Clark Street.

» Full details at metromix.com.

Expressing themselves

Notorious B.I.G. isn't the only rap titan getting the big-screen treatment. Development has started on "Straight Outta Compton," a biopic of N.W.A., according to Entertainment Weekly. The film will chart the rise and fall of the group that was banned from the radio, yet sold millions of albums in the '80s and early '90s. Producers include N.W.A. members Dr. Dre and Ice Cube, and Tomica Wright (Eazy-E's widow).

'Stars' align

The rumors were true! Former "Girls Next Door" star Holly Madison and "Bachelor" castoff Melissa Rycroft are the replacement contestants on ABC's "Dancing With the Stars." The two last-minute additions, who took the place of injured Jewel and Nancy O'Dell, had little time to practice but gave respectable performances, the judges said.

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